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For : METHOD FOR DETERMINING SEVERITY OF AND PREDICTING  
PREGNANCY-INDUCED HYPERTENSION AND METHOD FOR  
EVALUATING FETUS AND PLACENTAL FUNCTIONS IN  
PREGNANCY-INDUCED HYPERTENSION

**REQUEST FOR COMPLETELY INITIALED FORM PTO-1449**

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Sir:

Further to an April 23, 2008 telephone call between Applicants' representative Arnold Turk and Examiner Navarro, Applicants are submitting herewith this Request for Completely Initialed Form PTO-1449.

In particular, upon allowance of the application, a review of the file indicated that the initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 attached to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2007 is not completely initialed because the two Japanese documents and the English abstracts of these Japanese documents were crossed through without explanation. As discussed with the Examiner during the above-noted telephone call, these Japanese documents were cited in the International Search Report of the international application of which the present application is the national stage, and an English language copy of the International Search Report had been submitted. Accordingly consideration of these documents is required in accordance with Patent and

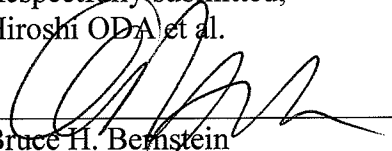
Trademark Office procedures. The Examiner indicated that a written request should be submitted and an initialed copy of the form will be forwarded.

Accordingly, Applicants are submitting herewith another copy of the form, and request that the Examiner forward an initialed copy of the form.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee necessary for consideration of this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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